

Attack Seenas Wave of Intense Anger Sweeping Over Great Britain

visitors were at the hotels, because of the cold weather, but one invalid is known to have been unable to leave his room.

In a direct line, the mouth of the Tees is about 250 miles from Heligoland, the German naval base in the North Sea. The British admiralty says the German ships were among the fastest. They chose a night when a thick mist prevailed, and must have left their base at least two hours before dawn. As they started to return about 9 o'clock, there remained about seven hours of daylight for the pursuit, which, however, was rendered almost impossible by the fog. How the Germans evaded all the mines and patrols remains a mystery, although experts recall that in maneuvers, British ships have performed the same feat, through the comparatively small space between the German coast and the Scilly Islands, which was not mined.

The admiralty report announced that such demonstrations are not difficult to accomplish, but the population generally cherishes no great confidence in the protection of the British coast that the inhabitants of the coast towns made no serious preparation to meet a bombardment.

BOMBARDMENT OCCURS
DURING BREAKFAST HOUR

Except for the working people, the English are late risers during the short winter days. The bombardment occurred between 8 and 9 o'clock, an hour when many persons were at breakfast, while others were on their way to work or were opening their shops.

The booming of heavy guns off the three towns drew hundreds of people to the beach. They had no thought of a German raid, but when shells came crashing over their heads and into the quiet streets, they dashed for shelter. On shore the German guns and their work, the flashes coming incessantly, and the shells finding a mark among the buildings. Many residents took refuge in cellars; others rushed from their houses, among them women and children in their night clothes, and not a few sought the railway stations, leaving on the first trains.

The Hartlepool land batteries returned to have damaged some of the cruisers. Several shells from the warships burst among the Royal Engineers and Durham Light Infantry, and it was among these troops that the casualties of seven killed and fourteen wounded occurred.

The general belief in London is that the German attack will give impetus to recruiting. To-day was one of eager waiting after the admiralty bulletin was issued shortly before noon, saying:

"Our flotillas have at various points

been engaged. The situation is developing."

Various rumors were heard. One was that two German cruisers had been sunk. Many thought the long-expected general naval engagement between the British and German fleets was progressing, and that the shelling of the coast towns was merely incidental.

The admiralty's report, issued at 9:30 o'clock to-night, giving the news that the German ships had eluded pursuit and were returning with a full complement of home waters, caused keen disappointment.

Naval writers express the opinion that six of eight ships were engaged. The Germans have available for such an attack the armored cruisers Blücher, Roon, Prinz Adalbert, Prinz Heinrich and Prinz Friedrich Karl and more than twenty cruisers of a smaller class.

ONLY CONCEIVABLE OBJECT IS TO DIVERT TROOPS AND GUNS

LONDON, December 16.—If ships belonging to a power which is seeking to change the action of the coast, the chances are that these ships will be lost, says Commander Carlyn Belairs.

The only conceivable object in undertaking such a perfectly useless act of war is to create a state of alarm and divert troops and guns to the east coast of England instead of to the front. From a purely naval and military point of view, we can only pray that they will continue to do these things.

But the Germans cannot know much of the English temperament if they think by so doing they can throw us into panic.

HARTLEPOOL FATALITIES

SAID TO NUMBER FIFTY

LONDON, December 16.—A dispatch from Hartlepool to the Exchange Telegraph Company says: "The effect of the bombardment at Hartlepool was that thirty persons were killed and 100 injured. At West Hartlepool, twenty-five persons were killed and many injured."

Shells passed through the Baptist church of Hartlepool and other churches were damaged.

BERLIN WAR OFFICES

ANNOUNCE BOMBARDMENT

BERLIN, December 17 (via Amsterdam and London, 3:25 A. M.).—An official announcement issued here says: "Our high seas fleet made an attack on the English coast coast and was engaged on the 16th, early in the morning, both fortified and coast places at Scarborough and Hartlepool. The further course of action, no information can yet be given."

DROP MINES IN WAKE

TO PREVENT PURSUIT

LONDON, December 17 (4:41 A. M.).—A dispatch to the Daily Express from Hartlepool says: "As the German ships steamed out to sea, they dropped mines to prevent any ships from following in their wake."

TIMES FULLY EXPECTS

GERMANS TO COME AGAIN

LONDON, December 17 (12:25 A. M.).—The Times, discussing what it terms indiscriminate shelling of undefended towns, refers to the statement of Count Ernst von Reventlow, "the German naval expert," that "in order to fight with success we must fight ruthlessly, and the only means of doing this is by the use of submarines." "The deeds wrought at Whitby and Scarborough represent the proper meaning," as interpreted in Germany. "We shall not discuss the prescriptions of international law because the Germans jettisoned like all principles of international law and all dictates of society. The German navy and the German nation will learn the full significance of the Indian saying, 'The patience of the British is as long as the summer day, but their arm is as long as the winter night.'"

We fully expect the German ships to come again until they come once too often."

BELIEVES TWO GERMAN

CRUISERS WERE DESTROYED

LONDON, December 16 (7:48 P. M.).—The Evening Standard's Hartlepool correspondent says of the German raid on the English coast: "Two German warships are believed to have been sunk. The captain of the Ketch, lying off Scarborough, says he saw three German ships engaged. One of these was blown up, another holed and the third was still fighting."

HISTORIC ABBEY DAMAGED

BY FIRE FROM FLEET

WHITBY, YORK, ENGLAND, December 16 (via London).—Two German cruisers bombarded this town between 9 and 10 o'clock this morning. Several persons were injured and a number of buildings, including the historic abbey here, were damaged. The abbey is reported to have been killed.

The cruisers after the bombardment disappeared in a northeasterly direction.

ATTACK ON TYNEMOUTH

BY GERMAN IS FEARED

LONDON, December 16.—The New Castle Evening Chronicle, according to a dispatch reaching London this evening, says there is a probability of a hostile attack on Tynemouth, in Northumberland, at the mouth of the Tyne, and about twenty-five miles north of Hartlepool.

MARITIME APPLICATION

OF GERMANY'S POLICY

British Naval Writer Believes Held on Coast Towns Was Senseless and Cruel.

BY FRED T. JANE.

(The foremost naval writer in England, Commander of the Naval Annual "Fighting Ships.")

LONDON, December 16.—The full story of the German North Sea raid is clearly in accord with the senseless policy which, regardless of everything, has during the past few days, been advocated by the German press. It is a maritime application of the German land policy in Belgium—wholesale destruction of helpless and inoffensive civilians in an effort to create a reign of terror.

The British navy has hitherto seemed unduly humane in this war. We have gone out of our way to save the enemy lives, and regarded the enemy as a civilized foe. Now all this is likely to be changed. "No quarter" seems to be the only possible reply to the pure savagery of German action. The horrors of naval war will be increased, but the durations of operations will perhaps be shortened accordingly.

This is to our advantage, but from no possible principle of view had Germany's behavior been justified, nor can it ever be forgiven. We shall probably manage to see to it that few of the German cruisers return to harbor, if we are wise, and shall hang any prisoners taken. Then, and then only, shall we render ourselves immune from similar raids in the future.

In these days war is a more or less exact science. A success of any operation can be gained beforehand. Germany must have known perfectly well that no material result could possibly accrue from the raid which her ships made to-day.

Perhaps it is a side issue, but the question certainly arises—how did the Germans get out so easily? It is not a question which should be insisted on to-day. If the enemy got out so easily, and easily, and easily, and easily, high strategy may be perfected in the circumstances of their easy exit.

HARTLEPOOL REPORTS FORTY PERSONS KILLED

Casualties Said to Be Much Heavier Than Admitted by Official Statements.

PROPERTY DAMAGE \$5,000,000

Bombardment Lasts One Hour, and 400 Shells Are Landed—Rush Inland Resembles Flight of Refugees From Towns in Belgium.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
HARTLEPOOL, December 16.—Estimates by the men who helped to carry to the mortuary the bodies of persons killed by the German bombardment of this town to-day, place the casualties much higher than the official statement would indicate. These men say that forty persons were killed and more than 100 injured.

In one open space, 200 yards from the Grand Hotel, on the ocean front, a single shell burst over a little group of sixteen people watching the warships. It killed fifteen of them; the other was a school boy, whose right arm was found cleanly cut from the body when they picked him up, still living.

BOMBARDMENT LASTS

APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR

The bombardment lasted approximately one hour, beginning at 8 o'clock. In all, 400 shells landed in Hartlepool and West Hartlepool. Immediately there began a mad rush to escape inland. Scenes comparable to those of Belgium were enacted all day for miles along every road between here and Hartlepool, twenty-five miles to the west.

Two shells struck the railway track. Only one train, which left amidst a downpour of shells, got away. All the available automobiles were commandeered for women and children, but a great majority had to walk.

To-night the streets are thronged with people viewing the ruins. There are very few women to be seen. The damage is much more serious than at first thought. It will probably exceed \$5,000,000.

Shells penetrated three gas reservoirs, and the escaping gas burst into flames. Before an alarm could be turned in, the fire-engine house was struck by a shell and the apparatus demolished.

The engine works of the Richardson, Westgarth Company were entirely wiped out. Seven men were killed. Irvine Middleton's shipyard was badly damaged and six men were killed. Three men were killed there. Three men were killed by the shipyard were struck by shell, which passed through the hold of one, killing a man who was climbing a ladder. He had been one of the many ships in the yard escaped serious damage.

The big public schoolhouse was hit, but as the pupils were not there, none were injured. The local newspaper office was shelled; the composing room ruined. It is getting out single sheet "extras" at hourly intervals.

Throughout the town the attention of the rescuers is being devoted to the removal of the wounded to hospitals. On the beach are many tremendous holes in the sand. Twenty feet of reinforced concrete in the embankment was blown away.

SHELLS CAUSE DAMAGE

FIVE MILES INLAND

The shells caused damage five miles inland, one shell crashing through the roof of a blacksmith shop at Seaton Carew. A shell, which had failed to explode, was found in a field, where it had fallen after taking off the roof of a shed.

The railway company repaired the track this afternoon, and the exodus to Leeds and Hull has been continuous ever since.

The West Hartlepool dock area was damaged seriously, forty-seven wounded are reported there. The shells wrecked private houses, one passing directly over a bed wherein the woman occupied was asleep. In another house near by a shell struck the chimney, and a man was killed. The man was sitting at the table eating his breakfast. Five men were wounded at the gas works.

In one street a whole row of houses was demolished. A man, a woman and two children in one family were killed, only one little girl was left alive. A woman and her child in the street, burst into three pieces, one of which struck a man, fatally injuring him.

Another shell tore out the side of a house near the station, killing three of the occupants. Out of a group of fourteen men at the Hough battery, not one escaped injury from the shell which exploded there. Five were killed outright and two died to-night.

Fishermen who were at sea this morning had thrilling escapes. They say the German ships came within two miles of the shore. All agree that there were four ships altogether.

Additional reports of persons killed are coming in to-night from the residential district of West Hartlepool, where, it is estimated, that at least 150 private houses were entirely demolished by shelling. Many of these were very costly residences.

VETERAN IS SUICIDE

Soldier Throws Himself to Death Because of Wheels of Train.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

HARTLEPOOL, VA., December 16.—Oscar C. Ford, thirty-one years old, who lost a leg in the Spanish-American war, committed suicide to-day in Phoebus by throwing himself in front of a passenger train of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. He was a member of the National Soldiers Home, and came here from Washington. No cause is assigned for the act.

WARSHIP IS FITTED OUT BY EMDEN SURVIVORS

Forty Men Who Escaped Death When Cruiser Was Destroyed Seize Collier.

NOW DESTROYING COMMERCE

British Warships Are Pursuing German Cruiser Dresden, Which Got Away When Squadron Was Sent to Bottom Off Falkland Islands.

MANILA, P. I., December 16.—Forty men from the German cruiser Emden, who were left on the Cocos Island when the Australian cruiser Sydney forced the Emden ashore and destroyed her, have captured a collier, mounted two maxims on her and now are raiding commerce in the Pacific, according to a report received here.

The report came through officers of the British steamer Malacca, just arrived at Jolo, and has not been confirmed officially.

The men of the Emden had gone ashore on Cocos Island to dismantle the wireless, and died when the Emden was destroyed. Headed by Lieutenant von Muecke, they left Cocos Island with a commandeered schooner and plenty of armed launch and their own arms. The report, when or where they captured the collier is not stated.

The Malacca reports that she steamed to Jolo without showing lights at night.

WARSHIPS ARE PURSUING

GERMAN CRUISER DRESDEN

WASHINGTON, December 16.—Two British warships are pursuing the German cruiser Dresden, which left Punta Arenas on Sunday, according to an official telegram received to-day from the American embassy at Santiago, Chile.

VESSELS IN WAITING

WHEN CRUISER DEPARTS

VALPARAISO, December 16.—Advice from Punta Arenas say when the German cruiser Dresden left that port on Sunday evening, British warships were waiting both sides of the Strait of Magellan. The Dresden entered the strait after the light off the Falkland Islands, in which she was the sole German vessel to escape.

The German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich is understood to be patrolling Northern Chile, on the lookout for the British steamship Orcoma, which left Liverpool in October for Callao, Peru.

BRITISH CRUISER GLASGOW

TAKES QUICK DEPARTURE

SANTIAGO, CHILE, December 16.—The British cruiser Glasgow arrived at Punta Arenas last night. She departed quickly.

DAMAGE TO BRITISH FLEET

IN RECENT BATTLE CLAIMED

WASHINGTON, December 16.—Dispatches to the German embassy to-day from the German minister at Santiago, Chile, announced that the British fleet which sank the cruisers Schazarnorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig off the coast of Chile was badly damaged, and that one British ship apparently was sunk.

A statement issued to-night at the embassy said:

"According to information received by the German embassy from Chile, the battle off the Falkland Islands lasted from 9 o'clock in the morning until 7 in the evening."

"On the British side the Invincible, Indefatigable, Canopus, Carnarvon, Cornwall, Kent, Glasgow and Bristol were engaged. Many German officers and men were saved, but lack of boats prevented the number from being larger. The British cruiser Defence did not take part, and has been seen aground at Port Stanley."

"Only seven English cruisers left the scene of battle so that one must have prevented the number from being larger. The British cruiser Defence did not take part, and has been seen aground at Port Stanley."

BRITISH FLEET WILL ARRIVE

AT MONTEVIDEO ON SATURDAY

MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY, December 16.—It is announced that the British fleet which recently defeated the German warships off the Falkland Islands will arrive here on Saturday. German survivors will not be landed.

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WORLD NEVER HAS SEEN SUCH TRAGIC MISERY

Belgium Is One Long Bread Line of Starving People Clamoring to Be Fed.

THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES

Men, Women and Children, Poorly Clad, Stand Shivering in Snow Begging for Little Food That Means Life to Them.

NEW YORK, December 16.—"A tragic misery, the like of which the world has never seen," was the term applied to-night to conditions in Belgium, by Theodore Waters, secretary of the Christian Herald, who went to Belgium last month to supervise distribution of the food cargo of the relief steamer Jan Block, and who returned to-day on the Transylvania. In Brussels he said: "Is one long bread line of starving men, women and children clamoring for a daily single ration of soup and bread."

"In Antwerp," he said, "I saw over 1,000 poorly-clad women standing shivering in the snow, waiting for food to be delivered. In Malines, under the shadow of the cathedral, its walls covered in its old stained glass windows but ragged fragments, I saw men, women and children gazing disconsolately at the ruins of houses that once were their homes, poor people who begged something to eat of us as we passed. On the road to Brussels we overtook thousands of refugees returning to villages, where there is not food enough to sustain those already there. In Brussels we saw women holding babies, standing on the cold street corners, begging for food."

"In Holland I found thousands of refugees from Belgium, huddled in camps and on barges, some refined, some coarse and brutalized, all sleeping together without partitions to insure the least privacy."

"Stagnation lies like a blight upon Belgium—stagnation of energy, of hope. The country was one huge burying ground. Graves, orphans, a country desolate, its trees felled to make way for the bullets; its crops, long gone, to seed, sticking leanly up through the snow. Broken houses, broken homes, broken hearts; yet the refugees were always on the road, returning to desolate hearthstones."

"When I was in Brussels there was only enough food on hand to last two weeks. What is true of Brussels is true only in a greater degree of all Belgium. If she does not receive food from America—and that is her only source—her people will starve, and people are hungry; they are committing ill advised reprisals against the military."

DASH OF GERMAN SHIPS

DOES NOT PROVE ANYTHING

Naval Expert of London Times Explains That Such Spectacular Raids Are to Be Expected.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

LONDON, December 17.—The London Times' naval expert says to-day:

"There may be some who will express surprise that German ships can get out at all, but they cannot have realized the actual conditions of modern warfare. Even though the British fleet holds practical command of the North Sea, this does not mean that the

Germans cannot leave their ports. On the other hand, our British seamen will have to do so. Our outer guard is not placed off the German coast to resist attempts on the part of their fleet to come into the open sea, but for the purpose of reporting such movements. Yesterday's rush of a small squadron of fast vessels to our coast does not prove that troops could be landed, nor is it possible for us to have a superior force at any and every place where the enemy may select for a hasty raid of this character, for our eastern coast line, it must be remembered, is 600 miles in length, and our fleet has other duties to perform.

"Such raids may fulfill three objects. They may be intended to persuade the German people that the money they spent on their fleet was not altogether wasted, and may, perhaps, be used as a justification for the ridiculous claim that the British navy is hiding, but their principal purpose is also to terrorize our people, and so to stop or retard the dispatch of reinforcements to the Continent."

"Moreover, it would be to German liking if by raids of this description they could succeed in drawing our ships on to prepared mine fields or into areas favorable for submarine attack by day or destroyer attack by dark."

"They might even hope to lessen the stringency of the North Sea blockade by drawing ships from it, thereby permitting the passage of some would-be raiders to the trade routes or home-ward bound ships with contraband of war."

"The progress of the war makes a situation in Germany calculated to create that attitude of mind which leads to the performance of acts of desperation and bombardment of undefended towns, futile and useless as they are from a military point of view, which may satisfy the desire for something of a dash character which has the appearance of reprisals for reverses met with elsewhere."

"In the meantime, Germany will avoid the risk of a general campaign, and while she does so she cannot hope to relieve the economic pressure, which must in the end exercise a vital effect upon the war."

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